

ABSTRACT

A mount assembly (10) for a lamp that comprises a light source (12) having two ends (14, 16) separated by a hollow middle portion (18). Light source capsule (12) can be an arc discharge vessel and the ends (14) and (16) are substantially parallelepipedal. The ends (14) and (16) are also provided with alignment segments (60) in the form of spaced apart beads (62) and (64). A metal strap (20) surrounds one of the ends, for example, (14), and is positioned between the beads (62) and (64), and has first and second oppositely disposed affixation areas, (22, 24); which can be in the form of extensions (22a) and (24a). A glass stem (26) has a tubular first portion (28) with an outside diameter D. A substantially C-shaped clip (30) is mounted upon the tubular first portion (28). The C-shaped clip (30) has a given height H and an inside diameter D₁ that is smaller than the outside diameter D whereby the clip frictionally engages the tubular first portion. A first frame member (32) has a proximal terminus (34) affixed to the substantially C-shaped clip (30) and a second frame member (35) has a proximal terminus (36) affixed to the substantially C-shaped clip (30) opposite the first frame member (32). The first frame member (32) has a distal terminus (38) affixed to one of the affixation areas on metal strap (20), for example, area (22), and second frame member (35) has a distal terminus (40) affixed to the other of the affixation areas, for example (24). The first and second frame members (32) and (35) and the metal strap (20) constitute the sole support for the light source (12).